

of sensation. The disease, of course, is traced to the spine; but if any treatment was adopted it is not detailed by the author of the narrative.

Dr. Bardsley next relates a case of dropsy in a female, in which the operation of tapping was performed fifty-three times, and the moderate quantity of thirteen hundred and ninety-four pints of water abstracted. The *wonder* of this paper is by far the best part of it; as it is of the next, by Mr. Robert Liston, in which several small calculi were removed or broken down, so as to be passed after the operation of lithotritry. Several of these calculi had for their nuclei barley-corns, which the patient, an old man, confessed he had introduced into the urethra the preceding harvest.

Mr. John Crichton communicates a case of "leaping ague of Angussshire," a disease which is, at least by that name, new to us. The subject of this singular affection was a young lady, with a bad stomach, who from this cause, from a fright by robbers, and the subsequent loss of a sister, became melancholy and dejected. The suppression of the catamenia, accompanied by coldness of the extremities, ensued; the paroxysm usually commenced, by her collecting her trinkets, and taking them into bed, where she amused herself with them for some time. She next rose, and what with running over tables, and mounting doors to swing backwards and forwards, she was with difficulty restrained from injuring herself; she then became exhausted, and fell into a deep sleep. Her conversation and writing, which she sometimes adopted to make herself understood, were distinguished by the peculiarity of pronouncing the last letter of a word first, and by commencing her manuscript, which she wrote from right to left, by the last word of the sentence intended to be written. Opium was tried to check these paroxysms, but produced stupor; and a shower bath, which was tried once, produced a lock-jaw for some days. The disease, however, never returned with the same violence after its use, and, by a proper attention to the state of the stomach, and a voyage to the Baltic, she became convalescent, and is now entirely restored to health.

The title of the next paper is "Observations on Gout," by Dr. Saunders, of Edinburgh, applied, we presume, on the principle of *lucis a non lucendo*, for, in the whole essay, there is scarcely a word on the subject. Instead of a dissertation on gout, we have four cases of what most readers, we believe, would call dyspepsia, for the discrimination of which from regular gout, Dr. Saunders wishes us to believe him a man of extreme diagnostic acuteness. To deprive him of the pleasure which he apparently derives from detecting the nature of these cases, would be worse than quarrelling with a child for his whistle.

ANNIVERSARY DINNER OF THE GENTLEMEN
EDUCATED AT ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S.

ON Saturday May 2d, the Anniversary Dinner of the Gentlemen who had been educated at St. Bartholomew's School, was held at the Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street.

G. F. SKEY, Esq. took the Chair, and was supported on his right by the physicians, chaplain, and a great number of the governors; and on his left, by the surgeons of the hospital in seniority, Messrs. Vincent, Lawrence, Stanley, and numerous other highly respectable practitioners. The Meeting, which was very numerous, was composed as well of the practitioners who have been educated at this hospital, as of many students who have not yet finished their course of studies.

The stewards, the house surgeons, and principal dressers of the different surgeons, had previously taken every possible pains to have the best dinner, wines, &c., provided for the occasion, which this house could supply; and, on the whole, their exertions did not fail, for though the sumptuousness of the feast might have been surpassed, yet the dinner was certainly better than on some former occasions have been provided at the Albion Tavern. Some excellent professional singers were in attendance.

After Church and King, and other loyal toasts had been given from the Chair,

The PRESIDENT said he understood the object of this annual Meeting was, to bring together those who had been educated at St. Bartholomew's School. When he recollected the distinguished individuals who had preceded him in that Chair (the Chair being filled in turn by the medical officers) and when he threw his eyes on those around him, he could not help feeling that there had been, and were many in this town, of whom St. Bartholomew's could not but be proud. Many had met there, who could no doubt

call to recollection the pleasing associations of their earliest career, and by those recollections feel inspired with fresh vigour for the future. Our forefathers had boasted of the pleasure to be derived from sitting over the bottle for twenty-four or even thirty-six hours, but there could be no doubt that but little gratification could be derived from drunkenness or *uproariousness*, though it could not be forgotten, that this had been witnessed at former Meetings. He knew not exactly the extent of his authority as President, but he could assure those who heard him, that if the anniversary of 1829 bore any analogy to that of 1828, and presented, as the newspapers of last year had styled them, numbers of *dead men*, that authority should be exerted to cart off the bodies to a neighbouring receptacle for the dead, where, though advanced in the season, considerable use might be made of them. (Laughter.) By this observation, he by no means wished to disturb the hilarity of the evening, but rather to confine it within the bounds of rational enjoyment, for which the Meeting was intended; he therefore, begged to give "St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and perpetuity to this Anniversary."

The next toast was, "The President, Treasurer, Governors, and other Almoners of St. Bartholomew's Hospital." Independently of the object for which the hospital had been founded, those gentlemen had permitted it to be applied to a secondary purpose, namely, medical instruction. Every prejudice among the liberal and educated, seemed gradually to diminish, wherever there was some grand and lasting object in view; and therefore it had been shown, that public institutions of this kind, might be directed to the best of all purposes, by becoming a receptacle for the afflicted poor, and by sending out to the community at large, the most efficiently-educated practitioners. (Cheers.)

Dr. HASLAM returned thanks. I am sorry, (he said) Mr. President and gentlemen, that it has not devolved on a more fit person than myself, to express a sincere gratitude for the compliment that has just been paid to the President, Treasurer, Governors, and other Almoners of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, by your worthy President. Allow me to say, that, in their names, I do most sincerely thank you, and I assure you, that they will endeavour, as far as they are able, on every occasion to forward the interests of St. Bartholomew's Hospital. Permit me however, to observe, that the interests of the Hospital cannot be forwarded by opulence alone; it must be done by the assistance of science, for the prosperity of this Institution depends less upon the opulence of its Governors than it does upon the character, the

science, and discipline of its officers. (Hear hear.) Gentlemen, I believe it is five-and-forty years since I had the honour of being a student at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and I must confess, that such is the nature and uncertainty of our profession, that I am a student to the present moment. (Loud cheers.) I well recollect the time when Mr. Pott operated and Dr. Pitcairn prescribed; but I will say, that in your present officers, you have no occasion to look back but proudly to look forward, and I have no doubt that the gentlemen educated under the present officers, will come to be honourable members of the profession, and a credit to the country. Allow me, as the deputed instrument of conveying these thanks to you, again to tender them with the most unfeigned feelings. (Applause.)

The PRESIDENT then gave "The health of Mr. Abernethy." Until the present occasion, that gentleman had not been absent from the anniversary dinner for the last twenty-five years! It was impossible but that his name should long live in the minds of every medical man who had been educated at that school. Indeed, the medical school of St. Bartholomew's was reared by his single hand. He had devoted his original genius and talents to the establishing of principles, and to simplifying the practice of the profession. If those principles were wrong, the profession at large would have to share in the blame, for that profession had largely co-operated with him in the dissemination of them. There were peculiarities in his character, which, perhaps, had disturbed in some degree the unanimity of feeling in his favour, which he might otherwise have obtained; but it was impossible to deny that he had claims upon the lasting gratitude of the profession, and the public at large. (Cheers.) He (the President) had received a letter that day from Mr. Abernethy, which he should read. It was as follows:—

"Dear Sir,—I beg to assure you, the gentlemen educated at St. Bartholomew's, and their friends, that nothing but the consciousness of the disability under which I labour, prevents me from being present at their meeting this day. The destructive and enfeebling effects of disease have rendered my nerves so susceptible, that any strong excitement, even that produced by kind congratulations, would overthrow the sovereignty of reason, and I should behave myself like a child. I beg you will assure our friends, that I feel equally sensible of their kindness; that I shall always be interested in their welfare, and that I most cordially wish them health and happiness, and every kind of prosperity.

I remain, dear Sir, yours, &c.,

JOHN ABERNETHY.

The toast was then drunk with the most rapturous applause.

Dr. HASLAM said, Gentlemen, it has been intimated to me by one of the surgeons of this hospital, and who is a *hereditary* surgeon of St. Bartholomew's—for I recollect his deceased relation with grateful feelings, and I am disposed to pay every tribute of respect to his science and urbanity—that gentleman has informed me, that this day is the centenary of Mr. Pott's entry into St. Bartholomew's Hospital as a pupil. Now, I think an occasion of this kind ought not to be allowed to pass without some notice being taken of it. In doing so myself, I shall, however, be very brief. Distinguished as other surgeons have been, or may be, it is within my recollection that there was no man so well acquainted with the history and learning of his profession as Mr. Pott. No man operated so successfully in his time. There appeared to have been an union of the powers of his eye, his hand, and his judgment, all felicitously concentrated. (Cheers.) I was a pupil of that gentleman, and feel the greatest pleasure in now paying respect to his memory. Allow me to say, he was the first man who commenced the system of lecturing at the hospital. He gave lectures on surgery, a copy of which I now possess; and not only from the recollection of the man, but from the pure surgical principles and improvements of which he was the author, contained in that volume, I would not part with it for any pecuniary consideration. (Cheers.)

The health of the physicians, Drs. Roberts, Hue, and Latham, was then drunk.

Dr. HUE returned thanks for the honour conferred upon them.

The next toast was, "The Surgeons of the Hospital." The surgical offices of St. Bartholomew's, he said, were by no means sinecures; they were filled by men of the greatest industry, and he hoped it would be shown by the present Meeting that they were entitled to the highest respect. He trusted that they (Messrs. Vincent, Lawrence, and Earle) would co-operate with the physicians in remedying a growing evil; that they would clear the path to the study of pathology; removing difficulties that existed in its way at present, and agreeing to forward by every possible means the prospects of those whose professional knowledge, it was equally their duty, and their interests to advance.

The toast was drunk with great applause.

Mr. VINCENT in returning thanks, felt that he by no means possessed talent adequately to express the feelings of gratitude which the surgeons entertained, for the very handsome manner in which their healths had been drunk. It was to them a day of peculiar pleasure, for upon it they had an

opportunity of interchanging social feelings, and of assuring the gentlemen present, that it was impossible any thing short of the kindest regard, could be entertained by the surgeons towards those by whom they were surrounded. Nothing would afford them more heartfelt satisfaction, than to do every thing in their power calculated to benefit the School of St. Bartholomew's, and be of service to those who were educated there. With these observations, he begged to return their best and most grateful thanks.

The next toast was "The health of Mr. Lawrence, successor to Mr. Abernethy." In looking round, (said the President) for a gentleman to succeed Mr. Abernethy in the surgical chair, it was necessary to fix upon one of brilliant and splendid talent, of a highly-cultivated mind, and possessing the essential requisites for the performance of the duties of such a public man. That man had been found in the person of Mr. Lawrence. (Loud cheers.) Mr. Lawrence had the power, if he had the will, not only to maintain, but to elevate the rank of the School of St. Bartholomew's. For his (the President's) own part, he felt under the deepest obligations to Mr. Lawrence. He took this opportunity of expressing it, and of saying that Mr. Lawrence was entitled to the sincere respect of every person present. He trusted he would hereafter prove himself to be as amply entitled to their gratitude, as he already was.

The toast was drank with unbounded applause.

Mr. LAWRENCE. Mr. President and gentlemen, I never felt more desirous of expressing myself with eloquence, than for the kind and distinguishing compliment which you have just paid me. But I must say, that the manner in which the last toast has been introduced to your notice by your worthy Chairman, and the way in which you have received it, have acted too powerfully on my feelings, to leave me in possession of those powers, which should enable me to address you as I ought. Allow me therefore to say simply, but very sincerely, that I thank you from my heart for this approval of any efforts I may have made, either as surgeon to the hospital, or as one who by an unfortunate, unexpected, and premature event, has been called upon to discharge other duties. If they have entitled me to the kindly feeling you have expressed, I assure you that is the very highest reward, and the greatest gratification to which I can look. It will be, if possible, a still greater satisfaction to me, to find by my exertions hereafter, that I do not sink in your opinions, but continue to deserve the same feelings, you have now expressed towards me. I was not aware, until I came to this Meeting, that I was quite so old as I find I

am. I have had the pleasure of meeting an old schoolfellow, who has been endeavouring to persuade me to recollect pleasures which took place some three-and-thirty years ago. (Much laughter.) I am therefore induced to hope, his memory is not so accurate as he seems to think it is, and that we are not quite such old sons of St. Bartholomew as he would have me believe. However, our recollections seem to-day of somewhat an historical nature. Our worthy Chairman has called your attention to the father of the school, Mr. Abernethy, and this has given rise to an observation from my worthy friend Dr. Haslam, who has introduced the great name of Mr. Pott; who, by the representation of some others, will I suppose, be considered the grandfather of the School. Descending then genealogically, we ourselves must be considered grandchildren, and that in due time, we shall have our great-grandchildren. (Loud laughter.) I trust, however, we shall bear in mind our descent, and that in looking to those individuals, to Mr. Pott and that gentleman to whom we all feel so much indebted, for the principles which have enabled us to pursue our profession advantageously, we shall be enabled to prove that the great-grandchildren are not unworthy of their father, grand, and great-grandfathers. (Hear, hear.) Our worthy Governor, Dr. Haslam, has been induced to speak in the kindest terms of the present medical officers of St. Bartholomew's, and of the advantages the students are likely to derive from them. I shall only say, gentlemen, for myself, that however arduous the duties of surgeon or teacher may be, there are so many pleasing circumstances attending their discharge, that I feel amply repaid for every effort. (Cheers.) It is one of the greatest pleasures of life, to afford that relief to the poor, which benevolence has enabled us to distribute; it will be my pleasure to administer it with the utmost kindness and humanity, not forgetting that it is a duty and satisfaction on our part, to render our efforts subservient to the instruction of the younger members of our profession; they will thus be made conducive to the advantage of our fellow-creatures, in the most extensive manner. But, gentlemen, as long speeches on such an occasion as this are not desirable, I shall only express in addition, that the same kind feelings which you have now shown me, are most unfeignedly felt in return for you all. I beg to drink the health of all present, wishing you every happiness and prosperity. (Cheers.)

A GENTLEMAN then proposed "The health of Mr. Samuel Cooper," a toast which he considered ought to follow that of Mr. Lawrence; as, he observed, if the Governors had been judges of professional character, that gentleman would, ere now,

have been one of the surgeons of the hospital.

The toast was drank with applause.

The PRESIDENT next gave "The health of the lecturers of St. Bartholomew's Hospital."

Mr. Stanley was loudly called for, but he considered that Mr. Lawrence ought to discharge the duty of returning thanks.

MR. LAWRENCE said he had already made his speech.

MR. STANLEY then could only repeat, in part, what Mr. Lawrence had already stated, that he was sure the feelings of kindness which were entertained on the part of those who had so warmly drank the toast, were equally felt by the lecturers. Between the 1st of October and the 1st of May, the pupils could not fail to have had time to become acquainted with the dispositions of the lecturers, and he had every reason to believe that the efforts of those gentlemen to render themselves both agreeable and useful to the young gentlemen attending the school, had not failed. He returned the grateful acknowledgments of the lecturers, for the compliment paid them.

The PRESIDENT then gave "The health of Mr. Earle, the clinical and gratuitous lecturer at the school." If any officer was entitled to gratitude, surely it was this gentleman, who had been the first, and the only one, to give clinical lectures, and who had delivered his lectures to the class at large, without fee or reward. (Loud and continued cheering.)

MR. EARLE, in returning thanks, said he had felt great gratification in not only giving those lectures, but in observing the manner in which they had been attended. There was no law at the College requiring attendance on such lectures, but yet gentlemen had attended them as strictly as if they had been compelled to produce certificates of having heard them; this redounded to their credit, and proved they were desirous of embracing every opportunity of cultivating knowledge. For his own part, his attachment to St. Bartholomew's Hospital had grown with his growth, and increased with his years. He should continue to do every thing in his power for the benefit of the pupils, and the institution. He felt under peculiar obligations for the honour that had been conferred upon him, and he trusted he should not fail to ensure, by his further exertions, the good opinion of the gentlemen surrounding him. (Cheers.)

Several other toasts were given, and the conviviality of the meeting kept up till a late hour.